

PRELIMINARY ALTERNATES AND NEXT STEPS

The purpose of this section is to outline, at a conceptual level, the range of possible alternatives which will meet the primary need for improvements along SR 9.

Alternatives to address the primary and secondary needs along SR 9 in Greenfield fall into three conceptual or preliminary “families”:

Alternate Group 1: Greenfield Bypass

This alternate would contain options for constructing a new north-south roadway to by-pass the city. The new roadway would be on the state system as a relocated SR 9

Alternate Group 2: Major Improvements to existing SR 9

This option would entail major improvement projects, roadway expansion in the form of adding through travel lanes to the existing SR 9 roadway.

Alternate Group 3: Minor Improvements to existing SR 9

Isolated improvements such as intersection improvements, median or turn lane additions, channelization modifications, or signal timing improvements, or more general geometric improvements through the entire existing SR 9 corridor may be typical of improvement options found in this category of alternates.

Alternate Group 4: “No Build” (i.e. non-State system improvements)

Alternates not on the State system will be examined. These alternates might include:

- improvements to existing, or development of new, city or county routes
- no additional actions aside from existing committed (programmed) projects on either State or local roadway systems

Additionally, the phasing of particular alternatives will be addressed, recognizing the preferred solution may be a combination of alternatives built at various times to address need in both the short term and long term.

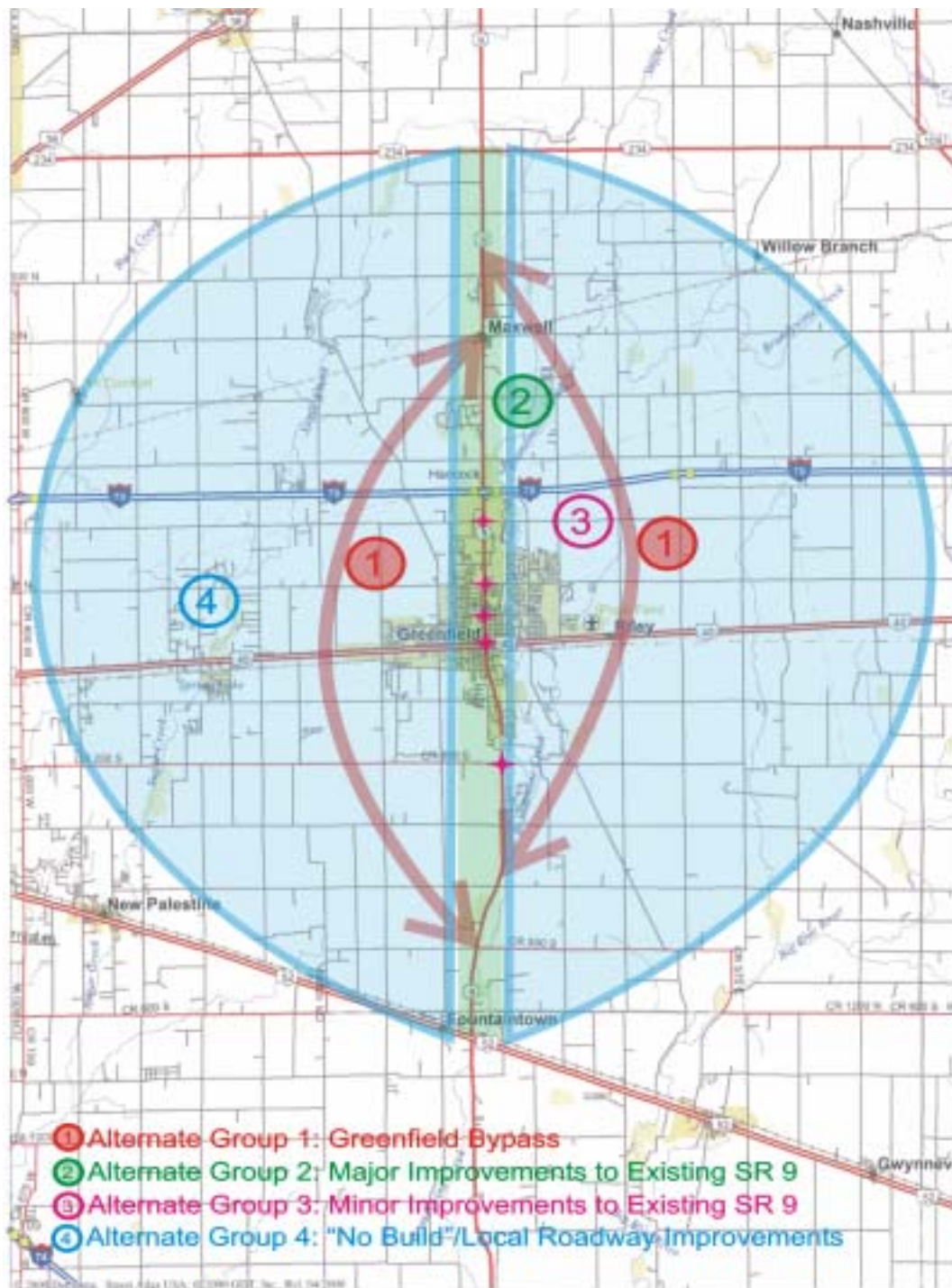


FIGURE 2: PRELIMINARY ALTERNATIVES

A screening process will be developed to measure the effectiveness of the those alternatives which are developed. The purpose of the alternative screening process to narrow all alternatives down to those which meet the selected criteria, including purpose and need, and should be developed for further study. Possible screening criteria through which alternatives will be evaluated may include:

- Purpose and Need Fulfillment
- Environmental impacts
- Social / Community impacts
- Construction Cost